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Art Unit: 1641

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED DECEMBER 17, 2003

Dear Examiner:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 17, 2003, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.



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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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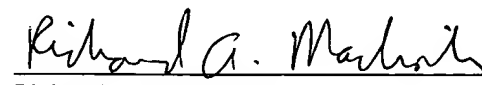
Dear Sir:

In regard to the above identified application,

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached:
 - a) Response to Office Action Mailed December 17, 2003
 - b) Return Receipt Postcard
2. With respect to fees, there are no fees.
 - a) Please charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment our Deposit Account, No. 13-2490.
3. CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR § 1.10: The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and the paper, as described in paragraph 1 hereinabove, are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as Express Mail Service, EV 333556545 US, in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on this 16th day of March, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: March 16, 2004


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